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October 5, 2023

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Boring Auto Wrecking LLC dba B & R Auto Wrecking c/o George B. Heilig, Registered Agent 310 NW 7th Street, Suite 100 Corvallis, OR 97330

Re:

Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment and Order

Case No. WQ/SW-NWR-2022-641

This letter is to inform you that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has issued you a civil penalty of \$9,931 for stormwater violations at your facility in Boring. For the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 monitoring years, you failed to collect the stormwater discharge samples required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Industrial Stormwater Discharge General Permit Number 1200-Z (Permit). This is a violation of your Permit and ORS 468B.025(2).

DEQ issued this penalty because permit registrants are required to monitor their stormwater discharge to ensure their discharges meet the water quality benchmarks in the Permit. Without this information, DEQ and the public are unable to evaluate the effectiveness of your stormwater controls in protecting water quality.

You may pay the civil penalty as follows:

Pay online with e-check (ACH) or Credit Card. Go to Your DEQ Online here: https://ydo.oregon.gov. Select Register Account or Login, then select Pay Invoices/Fees on your account dashboard. Enter the Invoice number and Account ID included on the attached payment slip. Note: US Bank charges a 2.3% convenience charge for credit card transactions. ACH payments have no additional charges.

Pay by check or money order: Make checks payable to "Department of Environmental Quality" and mail to the address on the enclosed payment slip. Please make sure to include the payment slip with your check or money order.

If you wish to appeal this matter, DEQ must receive a request for a hearing within 20 calendar days from your receipt of this letter. The hearing request must be in writing. Send your request to DEQ Office of Compliance and Enforcement:

Via mail – 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232

Via email – DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov

Via fax - 503-229-6762

Once DEQ receives your request, we will arrange to meet with you to discuss this matter. If DEQ does not receive a timely written hearing request, the penalty will become due.

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The attached Notice further details DEQ's reasons for issuing the penalty and provides further instructions for appealing the penalty. <u>Please review and refer to it when discussing this case with DEQ</u>.

DEQ may allow you to resolve part of your penalty through the completion of a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP). SEPs are environmental improvement projects that you sponsor instead of paying a portion of your penalty. Further information is available by calling the number below or at http://www.oregon.gov/deg/Regulations/Pages/SEP.aspx.

DEQ's rules are available at http://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/Statutes.aspx or by calling the number below.

If you have any questions, please contact DEQ Environmental Law Specialist Esther Westbrook, at (503) 229-5374. You may call toll-free within Oregon at 1-800-452-4011, extension 5374.

Sincerely,

Kieran O'Donnell, Manager

Office of Compliance and Enforcement

Enclosures

cc: Nick Brown, Boring Auto Wrecking LLC: Nick.Brown@autowrecking.com

Michael Kennedy, Portland Office, DEQ

Benjamin Benninghoff, Portland Office, DEQ

Accounting, DEQ

1	BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION				
2	OF THE STATE OF OREGON				
3 4	IN THE MATTER OF: BORING AUTO WRECKING LLC, an Oregon limited liability company,) NOTICE OF CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSMENT AND ORDER				
5	doing business as B & R AUTO WRECKING, Respondent. CASE NO. WQ/SW-NWR-2022-641				
7	I. AUTHORITY				
8	The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issues this Notice of Civil Penalty Assessment				
9	and Order (Notice) pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 468.100 and 468.126 through 468.140,				
10	ORS Chapters 183 and 468B and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340, Divisions 011, 012				
11	and 045.				
12	II. FINDINGS OF FACT				
13	1. Respondent operates a motor vehicle dismantling and used parts business located at 30545				
14	Highway 212 in Boring, Clackamas County, Oregon (the Facility).				
15	2. On or about April 19, 2018, DEQ assigned coverage to Respondent under the National				
16	Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Industrial Stormwater Discharge Permit No. 1200-Z (the				
17	Permit). Respondent had coverage under the Permit at all material times.				
18	3. The Permit authorizes Respondent to construct, install, modify, or operate stormwater				
19	treatment and control facilities, and to discharge stormwater to surface waters or to conveyance systems				
20	that discharge to waters of the state in conformance with all the conditions in the Permit.				
21	4. Schedule B of the Permit requires Respondent to monitor its stormwater through grab				
22	sampling for various parameters. Specifically, Schedule B, Condition 2 of the Permit requires				
23	Respondent to monitor for the statewide benchmark pollutants identified in Table 4. Schedule B,				
24	Condition 2.f of the Permit, which references Table 6, four times per year.				
25	5. For the 2021-2022 monitoring year, Respondent failed to collect and analyze all of the four				
26	required samples for statewide benchmark pollutants.				
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1	6. For the 2022-2023 monitoring year, Respondent failed to collect and analyze all of the four				
2	required samples for statewide benchmark pollutants.				
3	III. CONCLUSION				
4	Respondent has violated Schedule B, Condition 2 of the Permit and ORS 468B.025(2) by				
5	failing to conduct required stormwater monitoring on eight occasions at one monitoring point during the				
6	2021-2022 and 2022-2023 monitoring periods, as described in Section II, Paragraphs 1-6 above.				
7	According to OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o), these are Class I violations. DEQ hereby assesses a \$9,931 civil				
8	penalty for these violations.				
9	IV. ORDER TO PAY CIVIL PENALTY				
10	Based upon the foregoing FINDINGS OF FACTS AND CONCLUSION, Respondent is hereby				
11	ORDERED TO:				
12	Pay a civil penalty of \$9,931. The determination of the civil penalty is attached as Exhibit No. 1,				
13	which is incorporated as part of this Notice.				
14	If you do not file a request for hearing as set forth in Section V below, please pay the penalty as				
15	follows:				
16	Pay online with e-check (ACH) or Credit Card. Go to Your DEQ Online here:				
17	https://ydo.oregon.gov. Select Register Account or Login, then select Pay Invoices/Fees on your account				
18	dashboard. Enter the Invoice number and Account ID included on the attached payment slip. Note: US				
19	Bank charges a 2.3% convenience charge for credit card transactions. ACH payments have no additional				
20	charges.				
21	Pay by check or money order: Make checks payable to "Department of Environmental				
22	Quality" and mail to the address on the enclosed payment slip. Please make sure to include the payment				
23	slip with your check or money order.				
24	V. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING				
25	You have a right to a contested case hearing on this Notice, if you request one in writing. DEQ				
26	must receive your request for hearing within 20 calendar days from the date you receive this Notice. If				
27	you have any affirmative defenses or wish to dispute any allegations of fact in this Notice or attached				

1	exhibit, you must do so in your request for hearing, as factual matters not denied will be considered
2	admitted, and failure to raise a defense will be a waiver of the defense. (See OAR 340-011-0530 for
3	further information about requests for hearing.) You must send your request to: DEQ, Office of
4	Compliance and Enforcement, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232, fax
5	it to 503-229-6762 or email it to <u>DEQappeals@deq.oregon.gov</u> . An administrative law judge
6	employed by the Office of Administrative Hearings will conduct the hearing, according to ORS
7	Chapter 183, OAR Chapter 340, Division 011, and OAR 137-003-0501 to 0700. You have a right to be
8	represented by an attorney at the hearing, however you are not required to be. If you are an individual,
9	you may represent yourself. If you are a corporation, partnership, limited liability company,
10	unincorporated association, trust, or government body, you must be represented by an attorney or a
11	duly authorized representative, as set forth in OAR 137-003-0555.
12	Active-duty Service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service
13	Members Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 1-800-
14	452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571, or the nearest United States Armed
15	Forces Legal Assistance Office through http://legalassistance.law.af.mil. The Oregon Military
16	Department does not have a toll-free telephone number.
17	If you fail to file a timely request for hearing, the Notice will become a final order by default
18	without further action by DEQ, as per OAR 340-011-0535(1). If you do request a hearing but later
19	withdraw your request, fail to attend the hearing, or notify DEQ that you will not be attending the
20	hearing, DEQ will issue a final order by default pursuant to OAR 340-011-0535(3). DEQ designates
21	the relevant portions of its files, including information submitted by you, as the record for purposes of
22	proving a prima facie case.

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Date

Kieran O'Donnell, Manager

Office of Compliance and Enforcement

EXHIBIT NO. 1

FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION OF RESPONDENT'S CIVIL PENALTY PURSUANT TO OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (OAR) 340-012-0045

<u>VIOLATION:</u> Failure to conduct monitoring in violation of Schedule B,

Condition 2 of NPDES Permit No. 1200-Z and ORS 468B.025(2).

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>: This is a Class I violation pursuant to OAR 340-012-0055(1)(o).

MAGNITUDE: The magnitude of the violation is moderate pursuant to OAR 340-

012-0130(1), as there is no selected magnitude specified in OAR 340-012-0135 applicable to this violation, and the information reasonably available to DEQ does not indicate a minor or major

magnitude.

<u>CIVIL PENALTY FORMULA</u>: The formula for determining the amount of penalty of each

violation is: $BP + [(0.1 \times BP) \times (P + H + O + M + C)] + EB$

"BP" is the base penalty, which is \$4,000 for a Class I, moderate magnitude violation in the matrix listed in OAR 340-012-0140(3)(b)(A)(ii) and applicable pursuant to OAR 340-012-0140(3)(a)(E)(iii), because Respondent has coverage under an NPDES general permit.

- "P" is whether Respondent has any prior significant actions, as defined in OAR 340-012-0030(19), in the same media as the violation at issue that occurred at a facility owned or operated by the same Respondent, and receives a value of 2 according to OAR 340-012-0145(2)(a)(C) because Respondent had one Class I violation in Case No. WQ/SW-NWR-2020-188.
- "H" is Respondent's history of correcting prior significant actions and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(3)(c), because there is insufficient information on which to base a finding under paragraphs (4)(b) through (4)(d).
- "O" is whether the violation was repeated or ongoing and receives a value of 3 according to OAR 340-012-0145(4)(c), because there were from seven occurrences to 28 of the violation. Each missed sampling event from each discharge point is a separate occurrence. During the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 monitoring periods, Respondent failed to conduct required monitoring of its stormwater discharge on a total of eight occasions.
- "M" is the mental state of the Respondent and receives a value of 4 according to OAR 340-012-0145(5)(c), because Respondent's conduct was negligent. Respondent holds an NPDES 1200-Z Permit, which specifically requires that it collect and analyze stormwater samples according to the conditions in Schedule B. Additionally, Respondent received a penalty for the same violation for the 2019-2020 monitoring year. Although Respondent has claimed there is no stormwater discharge from the site, it has not provided sufficient data for DEQ to grant a variance. When Respondent failed to collect all four of the required stormwater

samples during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 monitoring years, it failed to take reasonable care to avoid a foreseeable risk that it would violate the Permit and Oregon environmental law.

- "C" is Respondent's efforts to correct or mitigate the violation and receives a value of 0 according to OAR 340-012-0145(6)(a)(D), because the violation or the effects of the violation could not be corrected or minimized.
- "EB" is the approximate dollar value of the benefit gained and the costs avoided or delayed as a result of the Respondent's noncompliance. It is designed to "level the playing field" by taking away any economic advantage the entity gained and to deter potential violators from deciding it is cheaper to violate and pay the penalty than to pay the costs of compliance. In this case, "EB" receives a value of \$2,331. This is the amount Respondent gained by avoiding spending a total of \$2,440 to collect and analyze eight stormwater samples. This "EB" was calculated pursuant to OAR 340-012-0150(1) using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's BEN computer model.

PENALTY CALCULATION: Penalty = BP +
$$[(0.1 \times BP) \times (P + H + O + M + C)] + EB$$

= \$4,000 + $[(0.1 \times $4,000) \times (2 + 0 + 3 + 4 + 0)] + $2,331$
= \$4,000 + $[$400 \times 9] + $2,331$

- = \$4,000 + \$3,600 + \$2,331
- = \$9,931

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Phone: 503-229-5437 Fax: 503-229-5850

CIVIL PENALTY - ORS 468.135(2)

DATE:	October 5, 2023
RESPONSE DATE:	December 14, 2023
TOTAL PENALTY:	\$9,931.00

Account Name:	BORING AUTO WRECKING LLC <b and="" auto="" r="" wrecking=""> <125209>					
Account Type:	Vendor/Organization/Company	Reference Number:	CPGFD2400009			
SubSystem ID: 193112		FIMS Acct. ID:	3083			

Penalty Summary

Penalty Amount	Interest	Adjustment	Amount Paid	Total Penalty
\$ 9,931.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,931.00

Payment of this penalty is subject to the exercise of your options or right to appeal as described in the enclosed enforcement documents.

To Pay Online with ACH or Credit Card Visit https://ydo.oregon.gov and select 'Register Account'





PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

REFERENCE NO.	CPGFD2400009			
PAYCODE:	00401 7400 10040 74001 0500 000000 00			
FEE PROGRAM ID:	950	RESPONSE DATE: December 14, 202		
FIMS ACCT, ID:	3083	TOTAL PENALTY DUE: \$9931.00		

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Department of Environmental Quality

DEQ FINANCIAL SERVICES - LBX4244 PO BOX 4244 PORTLAND OR 97208-4244

Check this box if updated address information has been provided on the back of the form.



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

CIVIL PENALTY - ORS 468.135(2)

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Penalty Detail

Transaction Date	Description	Amount
10/4/2023	2022-641 WQ-SW-NWR-2022-641	\$9,931.00

SFMS Agencies Use:

Trans Code Treasury Fund	SFMS	Index	PCA (5)	Agency Object	Project#	Phase
723 00401	7400	10040	74001	0500	00000	00

Address Changes

Please visit https://ydo.oregon.gov to update your mailing address online or provide the following information:

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City, State, Zip	